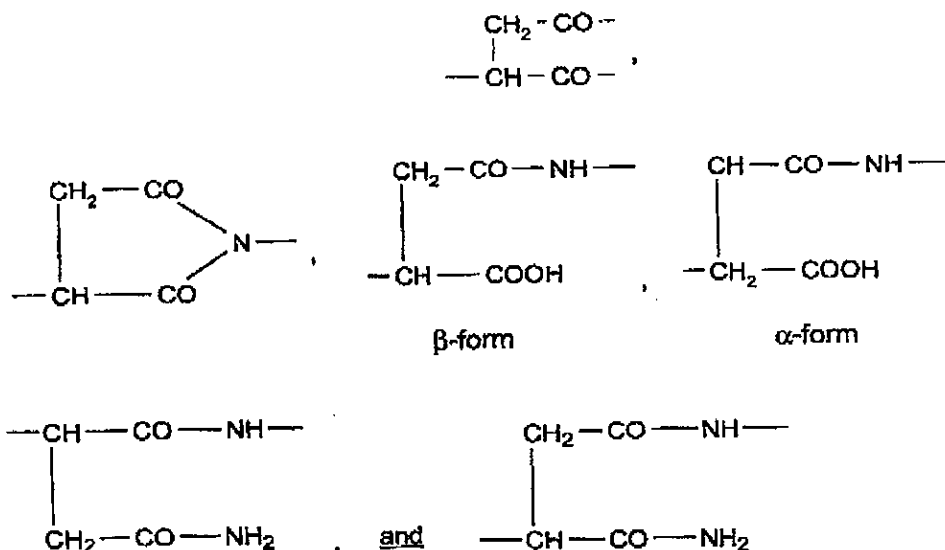


**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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1. (Currently Amended) A composition for water treatment comprising
- a) biodegradable organic polymers having repeating succinyl units
- b) a biocidal oxidizing agent
- c) an unsubstituted or substituted amidosulphonic acid, wherein the unsubstituted or substituted amidosulphonic acid is present in a concentration sufficient to prevent or substantially reduce the reaction between a) and b).
2. (Previously Amended) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the amidosulphonic acid comprises



3. (Previously Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the biodegradable organic polymers have repeating succinyl units of the structures selected from the group consisting of



5. (Previously Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the biocidal oxidizing agent is hydrogen peroxide, chlorine, bromine,

chlorine dioxide, hypochlorite, hypobromite, or ozone or a reaction product of (i) a component selected from the group consisting of hydrogen peroxide, chlorine, bromine, chlorine dioxide, hypochlorite, hypobromite, and ozone and (ii) water.

14. (Currently Amended)

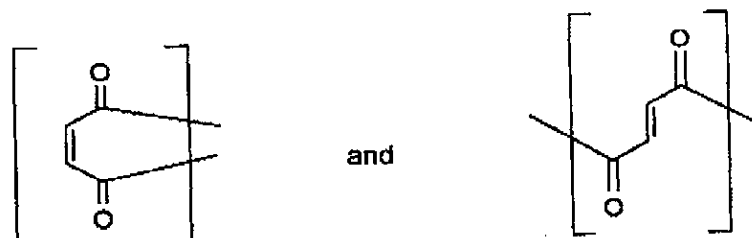
A composition for water treatment comprising:

- a) biodegradable organic polymers having repeating succinyl units
- b) a biocidal oxidizing agent
- c) an unsubstituted or substituted amidosulphonic acid, wherein the biodegradable organic polymers contain repeating units of the formulae

- a) maleic acid units of the formula



- b) maleic acid and fumaric acid units of the formula



wherein the unsubstituted or substituted amidosulphonic acid is present in a concentration sufficient to prevent or substantially reduce the reaction between a) and b).